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COTTON IMPROVEMENT PLANTING SEED PROGRAM

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OFFER OF THE WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

The Administrator of the War Food Administration (hereinafter referred to as the Administrator), pursuant to Section 32, Public No. 320, 74th Congress, as amended, in order to "reestablish farmers' purchasing power by making payments in connection with the normal production of any agricultural commodity for domestic consumption", hereby offers to make payments to crop improvement associations (hereinafter referred to as association) in connection with the normal production of cotton for domestic consumption at the rates and subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth:

1. Payment will be made in connection with cotton planting seed (hereinafter referred to as seed) delivered to a grower-member of a One Variety Improvement Association who has expressed, in writing, his intention of planting all of such seed as he may receive pursuant to this program and (1) with respect to Class A seed, who has been qualified as a key-grower in accordance with paragraph 10 hereof, and who has been approved as a key-grower by the technical cotton committee, (hereinafter referred to as the technical committee), and (2) with respect to Class B seed, who also has expressed, in writing, his intention of planting not less than 10 percent of his 1945 cotton planted acreage to such seed. Delivery of approved Class B seed (delinted or undelinted) from a grower to himself shall be considered seed delivered to a grower: Provided, however, that the quantity of seed so delivered shall be not in excess of 32 pounds for each cotton acre in the intention-to-plant declaration of such grower, except that an additional quantity of not in excess of 32 pounds may be so delivered for each such acre which is required to be replanted: Provided further, that the evidence of delivery of seed for replanting is supported by a certificate of necessity by an officer of the One Variety Cotton Improvement Association or by a member of the technical committee.

2. Payment will be made only to an association holding an application approved by the Administrator or by his authorized representative. Such payments will be in addition to any other benefit or indemnity payments to which the association may be entitled in connection with such seed.

3. Such payment will be made at the rate, per 100 pounds net of seed, of \$3.00 for Class A delinted seed, \$2.65 for Class A undelinted seed, \$1.70 for Class B delinted seed and \$1.50 for Class B undelinted seed.

4. No payment will be made in connection with any quantity of seed unless the association shall have submitted evidence that payments to the grower have been made at the following rates:

- (a) \$2.25 per 100 pounds in connection with Class A delinted seed;
- (b) \$2.00 per 100 pounds in connection with Class A undelinted seed;
- (c) \$1.25 per 100 pounds in connection with Class B delinted seed;
- (d) \$1.15 per 100 pounds in connection with Class B undelinted seed;

5. Such seed shall be of the varieties or strains of the varieties designated by the Cotton Improvement Planting Seed Committee (hereinafter referred to as the committee) and the technical committee: Provided, however, that only one variety or one strain of one variety shall be designated for any one zone, except that the committee and the technical committee may designate not in excess of three sub-zones within a zone and payment will be made in connection with seed for any one such sub-zone of one variety or one strain of one variety in addition to the variety or strain of a variety designated for the zone.

6. Such seed, of the variety or the strain of the variety designated for a zone or sub-zone, must be delivered to growers whose cotton acreages are located in such zone or sub-zone.

7. For the purposes of this program, there shall be constituted, for each participating state, a committee (hereinafter referred to as the Cotton Improvement Planting Seed committee) and a technical committee (hereinafter referred to as the technical cotton committee). A state board (hereinafter referred to as the board), composed of the Director of Agricultural Extension Service, the Director of Experiment Stations, the Director of the One Variety Cotton Improvement Project of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering, and the Area Manager of the Cotton and Fiber Branch of the Office of Distribution, for such state, shall appoint and designate, respectively, the members of both the committee and the technical committee and the officers of each committee. The committee and the technical committee shall designate zones, sub-zones, and varieties and shall approve associations for their respective states. Insofar as possible a zone shall be an area where growing conditions are uniform, and in no case shall the number of zones in any one state exceed eight.

8. Class A seed shall be seed which were produced by a foundation breeder and which have been approved by the technical committee. For the purposes of this program a foundation breeder shall be an individual, partnership, institution, corporation, or other business unit (1) which practices breeding or selection, in a manner which will tend to increase yields and improve lint quality, of cotton of the specific variety with which such person or concern is identified; (2) which produces, or which increases, in a manner which maintains purity, by step-up methods either on the farm or farms of such person or concern, or, by agreement, on the farm or farms of other growers, the seed of such cotton for sale or distribution to cotton growers generally; and (3) which is generally recognized as being in the business of rendering the services recited herein in connection with the specific



variety of cotton with which such person or concern is identified. Class B seed shall be first year increase from foundation-breeder seed and which have been approved by the technical committee.

9. Delinted seed shall be seed from which residual fibers have been removed in accordance with specifications approved by the technical committee.

10. A key-grower shall be a grower who has the facilities, or who has access to the facilities, which will enable him to grow, in 1945, seed equal to Class B seed as defined in paragraph 8 hereof, and which will enable him to handle such seed in accordance with the specifications set forth in paragraph 12 hereof.

11. Seed must have been delivered to a grower not later than June 30, 1945, or during any extension of such time made by the Administrator or by his authorized representative.

12. Seed must have been grown, picked, handled, ginned, stored, tested for germination, recleaned, treated, packaged, and otherwise prepared for planting purposes in accordance with specifications recommended by the technical committee and approved by the Administrator or by his authorized representative.

13. The seed package must have been tagged or branded for identification in a manner approved by the Administrator or by his authorized representative.

14. A certificate of an authorized agent of the Administrator shall, for the purposes hereof, be sufficient evidence of the matters, therein contained, in connection with the provisions of paragraph 6, 9, 12, and 13.

15. No association shall be entitled to payment in connection with the delivery of any particular lot of seed unless it shall have submitted, on or before September 30, 1945, or during any extension of such time made by the Administrator or by his authorized representative, a claim in voucher form, supported by the certification referred to in paragraph 14 hereof, and it shall submit such proof of delivery, and of compliance herewith, as the Administrator or his authorized agent may require.

16. For the verification of the required vouchers and such proof, the association shall make available to the Administrator or to his authorized agents, from time to time, as the Administrator may request, the association's pertinent books, records, accounts, memoranda, documents, papers, and correspondence, and those of its agents, affiliates and subsidiaries. The determination of the Administrator with respect to pertinency shall be final and conclusive.

17. The quantities of seed which may be delivered, pursuant to any previously approved application, and the maximum amount of payments approved in connection therewith, may be reduced upon approval by the Administrator, or by his authorized representative, of an amended application. The maximum amount which may be paid by the Administrator in connection with such seed shall not exceed the total shown in all applications approved for such association.

18. The Administrator reserves the right to terminate this offer at any time by public announcement thereof: Provided, however, that such termination shall not affect payments to be made in connection with seed delivered pursuant to applications theretofore approved by the Administrator or by his authorized representative.

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